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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the above-referenced application.

## <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Please insert the attached abstract into the application as the last page thereof.

## **CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please delete claims 1-48. Please insert claims 49-81 as the claims to be examined with this application.

In claim 50, line 1, please replace "claim 1" with -claim 49--.

In claim 51, line 1, please replace "any preceding claim" with -claim 49--.

In claim 52, line 1, please replace "any preceding claim" with -claim 49--.

In claim 53, line 1, please replace "claim 4" with -claim 52--.

In claim 54, line 1, please replace "any preceding claim" with -claim 49--.

In claim 55, line 1, please replace "claim 1" with -claim 49--.

In claim 56, line 1, please replace "claim 1" with -claim 49--.

In claim 57, line 1, please replace "claim 8" with -claim 56--.

In claim 58, line 1, please replace "claim 8" with -claim 56--.

In claim 59, line 1, please replace "claim 8" with -claim 56--.

In claim 60, line 1, please replace "claim 8" with -claim 56--.

In claim 61, line 1, please replace "claim 1" with -claim 49--.

In claim 62, line 1, please replace "claim 1" with -claim 49--.

In claim 63, line 1, please replace "claim 1" with -claim 49--.

In claim 64, line 1, please replace "claim 15" with -claim 63--.

In claim 65, line 1, please replace "in any preceding claim" with -claim 49--.

In claim 66, line 1, please replace "in any preceding claim" with -claim 49--.

In claim 67, lines 1-2, please replace "claim 2 or 6 or any claim appended thereto" with –claim 50--.

In claim 68, lines 1-2, please replace "claim 2 or 6 or any claim appended thereto" with –claim 50--.

In claim 69, lines 1-2, please replace "claim 2 or 6 or any claim appended thereto" with –claim 50--.

In claim 70, line 1, please replace "claim 21" with -claim 69-

In claim 71, line 1, please replace "claim 2 or 6" with -claim 50--.

In claim 72, line 1, please replace "in any of claims 21 to 23" with –in claim 69--.

In claim 73, line 1, please replace "claim 2 or 6" with -claim 50--.

In claim 74, lines 1-2, please replace "claim 2 or 6 or any claim when appended thereto" with –claim 50--.

In claim 75, line 1, please replace "in any one of the preceding claims" with

-in claim 49--.

In claim 76, line 1, please replace "any preceding claim" with -claim 49--.

In claim 78, line 1, please replace "claim 29" with -claim 77--.

In claim 79, line 1, please replace "claim 30" with -claim 78--.

In claim 80, line 1, please replace "claim 29, 30 or 31" with -claim 77--.

In claim 81, line 1, please replace "in any of claims 29 to 32" with -claim 77--.

<u>REMARKS</u>

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application, to insert new claims for examination, and to remove multiple dependencies from the following claims: 51, 52, 54, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 80, and 81.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at (952) 912-0527.

Respectfully submitted,

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